

Date: May 9th, 2007

Place: Prescott Valley, AZ

Project Name: RWIC Project Meeting

Attendees: Jon Bernreuter-WIFA, Angie Valenzuela-WIFA, Veronica Rivera-WIFA, Neil Whittle-ASUA, Frank Soto-ASUA, Craig Tinney-ADEQ, Charlotte Waddle-AWPCA, Fred Warren-RCAC, Leonard Gradillas-USDA RD, Steve Burroughs-Town of Clarkdale, Carlton Woodruff-Town of Clarkdale, Ben Huza-Granite Basin Engineering, Ricky Romine-Congress Water District, Steve Wortman-Congress Water District, Pat Fitzgerald-Holiday Hills DWID and Highland Pines DWID, Jim Morgan-Diamond Valley DWID, Dean Briggs-Diamond Valley DWID, Susan Echenlod-Diamond Valley DWID.

Summary of Discussion:

Jon Bernreuter opened the meeting by introducing all meeting participants. He then explained the purpose of the meeting was to give the communities an opportunity to present their project to the RWIC partners. This was then followed by a brief description of the RWIC partners, their organizations and what kind of services they might be able to provide.

Leonard Gradillas explained what kind of funding assistance was available thru USDA RD as did Jon Bernreuter with WIFA. Angie Valenzuela explained the financing options that are available thru WIFA. She also explained the debt service requirements, repayment sources and the loan application process.

The Town of Clarkdale

The Town of Clarkdale explained to the group that their most critical concern is their wastewater reclamation facility that is fast approaching capacity. They would like to construct a new wastewater reclamation facility to replace the existing one.

Next Steps:

The Town of Clarkdale will submit an application for financial assistance to USDA RD and WIFA. They are looking at system revenues for their repayment source.

Congress Water District

Congress Water District is experiencing a loss of 592, 000 million gallons of water per month due to pumping. They need to replace their 8 inch transmission main that runs at a high-elevation to a 12 inch main.

Next Steps:

USDA RD has provided assistance to Congress in the past and suggested they complete an application. Congress is also awaiting word from the WIFA TA grants program. They were provided with information from the Greater Arizona Development Authority (GADA) grants program. RCAC will provide follow up.

Holiday Hills DWID

Holiday Hills DWID is buying their water from Prescott Valley at a very high-price for a low-income community. Rates are expected to increase in July by 66%. They have no controls in their system to keep tanks from overflowing and have low water pressure. They are currently undergoing work with financial assistance from WIFA.

Highland Pines DWID

Highland Pines DWID also buys their water from Prescott Valley. The water is transmitted using only one line. Their water mains are undersized and over 40 years old. They are also concerned with storage in case of an emergency.

Next Steps:

It was recommended that they put their financial status in order and develop a rate structure. It was also suggested that they apply for a TA loan to provide their planning design needs and help them develop a master plan.

Diamond Valley DWID

Diamond Valley DWID was established in Dec of 2006. It was formerly the Diamond Valley Water Utility Company. ACC is in the process of transferring all assets from DVWUC to DVWD. Their highest priority is addressing their water leaks, overall electrical repairs, maintenance and providing security to their water system.

Next Steps:

The RWIC is unable to provide any kind of financial assistance until the transfer of all assets from DVWUC to DVWD has been completed by the ACC. WIFA is awaiting completion of paperwork, that addresses the ADEQ System Evaluation completed in 2005, from their interim operator to proceed with their application. RCAC, ASUA, AWPCA mentioned that they could provide training for board members and system management. RCAC suggested that along with ADEQ and ASUA they conduct a site visit and then report back to ACC to help expedite the transfer.

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